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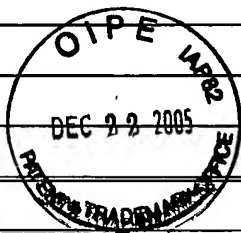
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LIST OF PENDING U. S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

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	1	US Patent Application No. 09/547,288 (Attorney Docket No. 004-4663), filed April 11, 2000 and naming as inventor(s) Shavit et al.
	2	US Patent Application No. 09/547,290 (Attorney Docket No. 004-4664), filed April 11, 2000 and naming as inventor(s) Shavit et al.
	3	US Patent Application No. 09/710,218 (Attorney Docket No. 004-4896), filed November 10, 2000 and naming as inventor(s) Harris, Timothy
	4	US Patent Application No. 09/837,671 (Attorney Docket No. 004-5723), filed April 18, 2001 and naming as inventor(s) Detlefs et al.
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